

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a transaction provided for a client and defined by a plurality of specified parameters for the client, including the steps of:

5 providing legacy transactions, and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions, meeting the plurality of specified parameters for the client,

providing individual transactions, and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of ~~performing~~ the individual transactions, constituting other than the legacy transactions and meeting the plurality of specified parameters for the client,

10 providing for a display, on a first portion of ~~[[the]]~~ ~~[[a]]~~ display screen, of each of the legacy transactions and the cost of ~~performing~~ each of the legacy transactions, and

providing for a display, on a second portion of the display screen different from the first portion of the display screen, of each of the individual transactions and the cost of ~~performing~~ each of the individual transactions for the client.

15 Claim 7. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the legacy transactions for the client are airline flights from an originating position to a destination on a particular date and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of the legacy transactions are provided through a wide area network to the first portion of the display screen and wherein

20 the individual transactions for the client are airline flights from the originating position to the destination on the particular date and wherein

each of the individual transactions, and the cost of each of the individual transactions, are provided through the internet to the second portion of the display screen.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein
the costs of the legacy flights ~~are established~~ and published prices normally
charged for the legacy flights are established and wherein the costs of the individual flights are
prices discounted from the normally charged prices.

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Claim 9. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein
the legacy flights are the flights provided by a first group of airlines and the costs
of the legacy flights ~~are established~~ and published prices normally charged by these airlines for
these flights are established and wherein

10 the individual flights are flights by airlines other than the first group of airlines
and the costs of these individual flights are the prices charged by the other airlines for these
flights.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein
15 the legacy transactions are cruises from an originating position to a destination on
a particular date for the client and wherein the legacy transactions and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of the legacy
transactions are provided through a wide area network to the first portion of the display screen
and wherein

20 the individual transactions are cruises from the originating position~~[[s]]~~ to the
destination~~[[s]]~~ on the particular date for the client and wherein each of the individual
transactions and ~~[[the]]~~ cost~~[[s]]~~ of each of the individual transactions are provided through the
internet to the second portion of the display screen and wherein

25 the costs of the legacy cruises are the prices normally charged for the cruises and
wherein the costs of the individual cruises are the prices discounted from the normally charged
prices for the cruises.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein

the legacy transactions are car rentals from a first group of car rental agencies and
[[the]] costs of the car rentals from the first group of rental agencies are established and wherein
the legacy transactions and [[the]] costs of the legacy transactions are indicated in the first
5 portion of the display screen and wherein

the individual transactions are car rentals from car rental agencies other than the
first group of car rental agencies and wherein the individual transactions and the costs of the
individual transactions are indicated in the second portion of the display screen.

10 Claim 12. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein

the legacy transactions are hotel reservations from a first group of hotels and
[[the]] costs of the hotel reservations from the first group of hotels are established and wherein
the legacy transactions and [[the]] costs of the legacy transactions are indicated in the first
portion of the display screen and wherein

15 the individual transactions are from hotel reservations other than the first group of
hotels and wherein the individual transactions and the costs of the individual transactions are
indicated in the second portion of the display screen.

Claim 24. (Currently amended) A method of providing at a processing station an
20 indication of a transaction provided for a client and defined by a plurality of specified
parameters, including the steps of:

providing, in a first protocol, a plurality of legacy transactions including the cost
of ~~performing~~ each of the transactions,

providing, in a second protocol different from the first protocol, a plurality of
25 individual transactions including the cost of ~~performing~~ each of the transactions, the individual
transactions for the client being different from the legacy transactions for the client.

providing a protocol compatible with the first and second protocols to obtain in the compatible protocol the indications of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions,

providing a display in a first portion of ~~[[the]]~~ [[a]] display screen, using the compatible protocol, of the legacy transactions,

5 providing a display in a second portion of the display screen, using the compatible protocol, of the individual transactions

the first and second portions of the display screen being different.

Claim 25. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 24 wherein

10 the legacy transactions are flights between originating positions and destinations of scheduled flights on particular days at prices established and published by specific airlines and offered to the public and wherein

the individual flights are the specific legacy flights at prices discounted from the established and published prices and flights provided by airlines other than the specific airlines.

15 Claim 26. (Currently amended) A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a minimal price for a transaction, including the steps of:

providing prices for the transactions at the processing station from a plurality of first sources offering established and published prices for the transaction,

20 providing for the transmission of the published prices from the first sources to the processing station,

providing from the first sources prices discounted for the transactions from the published prices from the first sources and prices from sources other than the first sources,

25 providing for the transmission of the discounted prices from the first sources, and prices from the other sources, to the processing station, and

displaying the published prices from the first sources and the discounted prices from the first sources and from the other sources simultaneously on a display screen at the processing station.

Claim 27. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 2[[8]][[6]] wherein

5 the published prices for the transactions are provided with a first protocol and wherein

the discounted prices for the transactions and the prices from the other sources are provided with a second protocol different from the first protocol and wherein

the first and second protocols are made compatible and wherein

10 the published prices and the discounted prices in the compatible ~~format~~ protocol are displayed simultaneously on the display screen.

Claim 28. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 2[[8]][[6]], including the steps of:

15 providing prices for the transaction[[s]] at the processing station from at least one second source offering published prices for the second source, the second source being different from the first source,

providing for the transmission of the published prices from the at least one second source to the processing station, and

20 displaying the published prices from the at least one second source on the display screen simultaneously with the display of ~~the published prices and the~~ published and discounted prices from the first sources and the other sources.

Claim 29. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 28 wherein

25 the published prices from the at least one second source ~~[[is]]~~ [[are]] provided with a protocol different from ~~[[one of]]~~ the first and second protocols and wherein

the protocol from the at least one second source is made compatible with the
~~compatible~~ first and second protocols and wherein

the published prices and discount prices from the first sources and the published
price from the at least one second source, in the compatible format, are displayed simultaneously
5 on the display screen.

Claim 30. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim ~~[[34]]~~~~[[29]]~~ wherein
the published prices from the first sources in the compatible format are displayed
on a first portion of the display screen and wherein

10 the discounted prices from the first sources, and the published prices from the at
least one second source, are displayed in the compatible format on a second portion of the
display screen displaced from the first portion of the display screen.

Claim 31. (Currently amended) A method of providing for billing a particular
15 transaction, including the steps of:

providing in a legacy server legacy transactions, and ~~[[the]]~~ prices of ~~performing~~
the legacy transactions, relating to the particular transaction,

providing in at least a second server individual transactions, and ~~[[the]]~~ prices of
~~performing~~ the individual transactions, relating to the particular transaction, the individual
20 transactions being different from the legacy transactions.

providing, at a processing station~~[[,]]~~ displaced from the legacy server, a database
having a volatile memory for storing indications of the legacy transactions relating to the
particular transaction and the prices of ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions, and indications of the
individual transactions and the prices of ~~performing~~ the individual transactions,

25 indicating in the database a selected one of the legacy transactions and the
individual transactions as the particular transaction and indicating the price for ~~performing~~ the
selected one of the legacy and individual transactions, and

communicating to the legacy server the indications of the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions and the price for performing the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions.

5 Claim 32. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 31, including the steps of:

 providing a printer at the legacy server, and

 printing in the printer at the legacy server a ticket providing for the performance
10 of the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the particular transaction at the
 time of the selection of the legacy.

 Claim 33. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 31 wherein
 the legacy transactions have a first protocol and wherein
 the individual transactions have at least a second protocol different from the first
15 protocol and wherein
 the database at the processing station provides a protocol compatible with the first
 protocol and the at least second protocol and processes the legacy transactions and the individual
 transactions in the compatible protocol.

20 Claim 34. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 3[[6]][[3]] wherein
 the indications of the legacy transactions are provided to the database at the
 processing station through the a wide area network and wherein
 the indications of the individual transactions are provided through the internet to
 the database at the processing station.

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Claim 35. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 33 wherein
the transactions are airline flights on a particular date between a particular
originating location and a particular destination and wherein
the legacy transactions are airline flights serviced by a global distribution system
5 including Sabre, Galileo, Amadeus and Worldspan and provided by a number of the major
airlines and wherein
the individual transactions are airline flights provided by a number of airlines
other than those serviced by the global distribution system.

10 Claim 36. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein
the legacy transactions have a first protocol and wherein
the individual transactions have at least a second protocol different from the first
protocol and wherein
the database at the processing station provides a protocol compatible with the first
15 protocol and the at least second protocol and processes the legacy transactions and the individual
transactions in the compatible protocol and wherein
the indications of the legacy transactions are provided to the database at the
processing station through a wide area network and wherein
the indications of the individual transactions are provided through the internet to
20 the database at the processing station and wherein
the transactions are airline flights on a particular date between a particular
originating location and a particular destination and wherein
the legacy transactions are airline flights serviced by a global distribution system,
including Sabre, Galileo, Amadeus and Worldspan and provided by a number of the major
25 airlines and wherein
the individual transactions are airline flights provided by a number of airlines
other than those serviced by the global distribution system.

Claim 37. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 3~~[[3]]~~~~[[4]]~~, including the steps of:

providing an accounting application at the legacy server, and

operating the accounting application at the legacy server to provide an accounting

5 record of the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the particular transaction and to provide an accounting record of the price of the selected one of the transactions.

Claim 38. (Currently amended) A method of providing at a processing station for a billing of a particular transaction, including the steps of:

10 providing legacy transactions and ~~[[the]]~~ ~~[[a]]~~ price of ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions,

providing individual transactions and ~~[[the]]~~ ~~[[a]]~~ price of ~~performing~~ the individual transactions,

providing a local area network and a printer at the processing station,

15 providing at the processing station a database for storing volatile information including a selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions, and the price of ~~performing~~ the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions, as the particular transaction,

20 providing for the passage through the internet to the printer of the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions as the particular transaction and of the ~~price for performing~~ cost of the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions, and

printing at the printer the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions and the cost of ~~performing~~ the selected one of the legacy transactions and
25 the individual transactions.

Claim 39. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim [[40]] [[38]] wherein
the legacy transactions and the price of ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions are
transmitted to the processing station through a wide area network and wherein
the individual transactions and the price of ~~performing~~ the individual transactions
5 are transmitted to the processing station through the internet.

Claim 40. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 38 wherein
the legacy transactions are provided in a first protocol and wherein
the individual transactions are provided in a second protocol different from the
10 first protocol and wherein
the first and second protocols are made compatible at the processing station.

Claim 41. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 40 wherein
the legacy transactions and the price[[s]] for ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions
15 are displayed in a first portion of a display screen at the processing station and wherein
the individual transactions and the prices for ~~performing~~ the individual
transactions are displayed in a second portion of the display screen at the processing station.

Claim 42. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 41 wherein
20 the legacy transactions are provided in a first protocol and wherein
the individual transactions are provided in a second protocol and wherein
the first and second protocols are made compatible at the processing station and
wherein

the legacy transactions and the price for ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions are
25 displayed in a first portion of a display screen at the processing station and wherein
the individual transactions and the prices for ~~performing~~ the individual
transactions are displayed in a second portion of the display screen at the processing station.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAIM:

Claim 43. (New)

A method as set forth in claim 32, including the step of:

5 simultaneously printing in the printer at the legacy server the cost of the
ticket providing for the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the
particular transaction.